

## SACRAMENTO TO MERCED

### REGIONAL FACTS

- › The project will create up to **100,000** construction-related jobs a year while the system is being built, and is expected to generate **up to 450,000 permanent** new jobs in the next 25 years.
- › Travel time from Sacramento to Merced is estimated at **43 minutes** and will save about **82.5 lbs.** in CO<sub>2</sub> per trip.
- › The initial system is projected to attract **5,300** boardings daily in Merced.

The Sacramento to Merced section of California's high-speed train project – the largest public infrastructure project in the nation – is 110 miles long. From the Sacramento Amtrak Station, the study area runs adjacent to existing railroad transportation corridors of the Union Pacific Railroad and/or Burlington Northern Santa Fe, where it will connect with the Merced to Fresno and Merced to San Jose sections. Stations are planned for Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto and Merced.



### Where Are We Now?

The high-speed train system is currently in the project-level environmental review process, which will lead to decisions establishing the specific track alignment. For this section:

- › Prepare scope of environmental review of the Sacramento to Merced high-speed rail project - **February 2009–January 2010**
- › Develop and assess alternatives and design options to be included in this project's formal EIR/EIS process - **February 2010–February 2011**
- › Prepare project draft EIR/EIS - **April 2012–October 2012**
- › Circulate project draft EIR/EIS - **November 2010–December 2012**
- › Federal and state governments formally adopt EIR/EIS for the Sacramento to Merced project - **August 2013**

Dates and milestones subject to change.

### CONNECTING CALIFORNIA

- › Creates jobs
- › A safe and easy way to travel
- › Environmentally responsible
- › Powered by electricity
- › Operating speeds: 125 mph - 220 mph
- › 800-mile system
- › Largest infrastructure project in the U.S. to stimulate economy

